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Sir:
 Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
 No additional fee is required.

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